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Transmitted herewith are an Amendment and Response to the Office Action, mailed July 16, 2002, and a return postcard for filing in connection with the above-identified application.

- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee, including the fee for the extension of time, that may be due in connection with this and the attached papers or with this application during its entire pendency to Deposit Account No. 50-1213. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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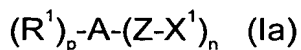
Responsive to the Office Action, mailed July 16, 2002, entry of the
following amendment and remarks is respectfully requested:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 8, 9, 10, 17-28, 30-32, 38, 40-44, and 46-48,
without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please replace claims 5, 7, 11-14, 33, 37, 39 and 45 with the following
claims:

5. (Amended Twice) A liquid phase carrier (LPC) that has formula (Ia):



wherein: A is silicon; R¹ is hydrogen, alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, heteroaryl,
heteroaralkyl, heterocyclyl or heterocyclylalkyl; p is 0 or 1; Z is any combination
of 1-12 units selected from 1,2-, 1,3- or 1,4-phenylene and alkylene units,